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E.O. 11652: XGDS
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SUBJECT: US ILMAC OBSERVERS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THROUGH DOD THAT CAPTAINS MARK WALSH AND JOUNI KERA VOURI, PRESENTLY ASSIGNED ILMAC, ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED ELSEWHERE IN UNTSO AND WILL NOT BE REPLACED BY OTHER US OFFICERS. TRANSFERS APPARENTLY TO TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO 10 JANUARY.

2. SINCE NO USSR MEMBERS OF UNTSO ARE ASSIGNED ILMAC, WE SUSPECT THAT TRANSFER MAY BE CAUSED BY LEBANESE OR UNTSO SENSITIVITIES. THUS, TRANSFER MAY BE ANTICIPATION BY UNTSO OF POSSIBLE PRESSURE BY SOVIETS TO HAVE UNTSO ASSIGN USSR OBSERVERS TO ILMAC.

3. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF CONGEN COULD 1) ESTABLISH THE REASONS, OSTENSIBLE AND ACTUAL FOR TRANSFER OF US OFFICERS; 2) CONFIRM WHETHER US UNTSO MEMBERS ARE NOW BARRED
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FROM DUTY WITH ILMAC; AND 3) COMMENT ON ADVISABILITY OF MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO UN TO KEEP ONE OR BOTH OF THE CAPTAINS IN BEIRUT OR TO HAVE THEM REPLACED BY OTHER US PERSONNEL. RUSH

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